

**REQUEST
FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
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Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA)

<i>Application Number</i>	09/658,732
<i>Filing Date</i>	September 11, 2000
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<i>Group Art Unit</i>	2815
<i>Examiner Name</i>	B. Baumeister
<i>Attorney Docket Number</i>	36856.919

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- a. Previously submitted
 - i. Consider the amendment(s) reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on (Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
 - ii. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on
 - iii. Other:
- b. Enclosed
 - i. Amendment/Reply.
 - ii. Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s).
 - iii. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS).
 - iv. Other:

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2. Miscellaneous

- a. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
- b. Other:

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- a. The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 50-1353.
 - i. RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e).
 - ii. Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17).
 - iii. Other:
- b. Check in the amount of \$ enclosed.
- c. Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed).

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED

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